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Schools win, cities lose in state budget

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Last week, Gov. Jennifer Granholm made her expected announcement of a \$200 raise in per pupil funding for schools, but no new revenue for struggling cities.

The 4,000-student Romulus Public Schools will get an additional \$800,000 in October, when the state disburses the funds. But the city, where officials spent the last half of the year making budget cuts, will have to endure the 2006-07 fiscal year without assistance from the state.

Mayor Alan Lambert said he was disappointed that there would no be revenue increase for municipalities, but added that the city will not suffer immensely for it.

"We're a lot better off than in other cities because of the amount of new development

that's coming on line this year and next, so I think we'll get through it," he said. "Of course you'd like to see more revenue, and we could use it. But the bottom line is that we have to continue to be fiscally conservative, and that's what we've done."

The annual budget in Romulus equals about \$20 million. Lambert said he does not expect any cuts in services or staffing as the current and the 2006-07 fiscal years continue.

He added that the recently signed agreement between the Hannahville Indian Tribe and the city does not require congressional approval, which means a new revenue stream that could reach \$10 million a year could be in place sometime in 2007. Several new residential developments are also expected to come on-line within the next several months, which will increase the number of tax dollars the city collects.

The budget of the Romulus Community Schools will get a little padding, but few dollars will make it to the classroom because the \$200 per student foundation grant doesn't cover inflationary costs of doing business, increases in health care costs or snowballing retirement costs, said Sherri Papazoglou, the district director of finance and operations.

"To be truthful, this probably isn't going to cover the costs related to health care benefits and retirements," she said. "We're looking at some preliminary numbers right now, and I don't have any hard figures yet, but we're not going to be able to use it for increases for teachers or in the classroom."

Schools officials aren't getting too excited about the raise right now because the budget has to be approved by the state legislature. The amount of the raise could be reduced, or could be eliminated in the final budget.

Petition 'error' ends candidacy

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A former candidate for the Romulus Community School Board is accusing the city clerk's office of depriving him of his candidacy because of a clerical error.

Leo Knasiak, 62, was one of four people who filed nominating petitions for two open school board seats last week, but he said the clerk's office misinformed him about how to complete documentation, and that he was tossed out the race by Wayne County because of it.

"The clerk's office had my paperwork a day before it was due," he said. "Apparently, the elections clerk and the deputy clerk did not review the documentation. And the deputy clerk (Eva Webb) told me that I didn't need to fill out part three of the form. She told me to skip it, and now my name won't appear on the ballot."

"There's really nothing I can do about it," he added.

The part of the form in question addresses finance committees. It requires the candidate to check a box that indicates they will comply with state elections and finance laws. Knasiak said Webb told him that he didn't need to fill out that portion of the form because he has sought public office before.

Late last week, though, Knasiak said the clerk's office



Wine and dollars

Romulus Chamber of Commerce members attended the annual wine tasting and auction last week. The money raised will help fund chamber activities that benefit local business people and the overall health of the business community. Above, master of ceremonies Doug Dalton extols the virtues of a toy fire truck, and (right) businesswoman Sherri O'Leary enjoys a glass of wine.



Accident shuts down Hannan Road

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A driver who lost control of his vehicle last weekend was responsible for the hours-long shutdown of the Hannan and Tyler Road intersection near the Van Buren Township-Romulus border Saturday.

Romulus Police Cpl. Dennis DeCaires said that the driver was

traveling westbound on Tyler Road at 6:10 p.m. on Feb. 11 when he attempted to stop at the Hannan Road traffic light. He was unable to do so, drove through the light and struck an aboveground gas line.

"It was a relatively simple accident that occurred, but because he hit the gas line, that meant the area had to be shut down to make sure it was safe for

drivers and the people that live there," he said. "It was one of those gas structures that comes out of the ground, and he struck that."

Traffic piled up in Romulus and Van Buren for many hours waiting for Consumer's Energy to inspect the line, but there was no lasting damage, and the area was

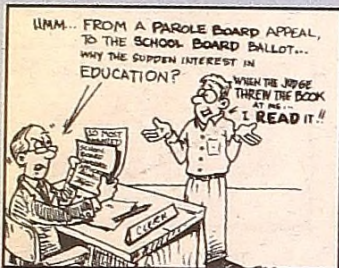
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Homeland Security funding may increase

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Recent changes in funding for Homeland Security operations means that more Metro Detroit areas could receive money through the Urban Areas Security Initiative grant.

According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, \$765 million in direct funding for high-threat urban areas will be awarded this year. That now includes about 35 regions that can apply for the funding. Targeted communities include Detroit, Warren, Sterling Heights and a 10-mile radius around that area, opposed to the previous areas of urban risk, which were Detroit and suburban Wayne County.

So how will these changes affect nearby Wayne County communities?

Many officials said it is unclear.

Already, municipalities such as Belleville, Van Buren Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township receive Homeland Security funds trickled down from the county, particularly the Wayne County Emergency Management division. Those funds go toward equipment and training for security operations.

"We've received funds and training for first responders in emergency preparedness, terrorism, regional medical training and on weapons of mass destruction," said Al Smolen, deputy director of public safety for Van Buren Township.

Since 2002, Canton Township has received \$416,630 in grant money used for: an emergency planner employee; training exercises; the development of a Hazard Mitigation plan; Mobile Emergency Command Center; upgrades to the central emergency center; an emergency generator to back up the entire public safety building for 24-hours in the event of power failure; protective equipment; "Go kits," which are emergency materials that first responders can take during a disaster; and public education, such as the Family Preparedness Guide that was mailed to all homes in Canton, according to Kathleen Rich, emergency planner for the township.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said his municipality has used Homeland Security funds primarily in the township police department for new radio equipment that allows the officers to communicate with officers and officials from other communities throughout Wayne County.

The City of Plymouth and Belleville have also received and used Homeland Security funds for equipment and training.

Gene Taylor, police chief of Belleville, said biohazard, schools and airport emergency training have all been done and more will also be coming down the line.

Paul Sincock, city manager for Plymouth, said his community used their funds to purchase chemical masks for the police department, as well as attend joint

training sessions with the county in the event of a terrorist attack.

Some area officials do believe that smaller communities are being left out of the funding equation.

"I find that funding formulas dictate larger populations," said Smolen. "Yes, they seem to get a larger share because they have more people to train and more equipment."

"Originally Homeland Security was started for all communities, but the smaller departments are the ones that are going to be hurting. The larger departments have more manpower, which also seem to be getting more funds," said Taylor.

"The state is now looking toward regionalization. Wayne County will get all of the funding. We have to access as a region what we will need and what will bene-

fit the county as a whole," said Rich.

One thing that is clear is that all communities—no matter if they're considered an urban risk or not—must be prepared.

"While Van Buren Township may not be considered a targeted area of terrorism, Homeland Security is necessary because when you look at it from a regional basis anything could happen and affect our area, including Van Buren Township," said Smolen. "I don't think it's outrageous to be prepared for any contingency."

"Anywhere there's a threat to a community it's necessary," said Taylor. "Plus, we're (Belleville) stuck between two railroads and an airport. It could happen here."

All eligible applicants for the Urban Area Security Initiative grants must submit an investment justification, which identifies needs and outlines the intended security enhancement plan to be addressed with funding to meet the target capabilities outlines in the National Preparedness Goal. Investment justifications will be reviewed, scored and prioritized along with risk factors to determine which investments should be funded to best address need and minimize risk, according to the Department of Homeland Security.

Jason Carmel Davis and Kevin Hill contributed to this story.

We've received funds and training for first responders in emergency preparedness, terrorism, regional medical training and on weapons of mass destruction.

Al Smolen
Deputy Director of Public
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Beautiful music

The Romulus Middle School Band hit every note when they won 33 medals for excellence at the Middle School District Solo and Ensemble Festival at Livonia Franklin Middle School last week. Here, soloists Crystal Poet, Katelyn Buyer and Kara DeLay took time out to enjoy their prizes. They will be among 18 students who advance to next festival on March 17.

Woman could win \$1 million in weight challenge

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Losing the extra pounds she put on after the birth of her first child more than 20 years ago has occupied much of Barbara Longre's time.

"I was a bone when I was growing up," said the 40-something Longre. "But after I had my son - who was a very big baby himself - I began to struggle."

The quest to lose weight, however, has taken a decidedly positive turn for the Detroit Metropolitan Airport employee and Romulus resident, who has lost 29 pounds as part of the Women's Division of the "Get Healthy Tri-City Challenge", sponsored by Abbott Healthcare. The manufacturer of health-related merchandise is sponsoring the event at several companies nationwide to help tackle the growing problem of obesity in the United States.

The loss of both weight and inches catapulted Longre, who

participated with about 40 other women, to the winner's list, which means she won \$300, and will advance to Chicago in a few weeks to compete against winners from Houston, Chicago and Detroit. If she wins the next leg of competition she will win \$1,000 cash and the chance to advance to the 2006 national competition where she will have the opportunity to win \$1 million.

Needless to say, she's excited. "I can't believe I won, but I'm happy I lost the weight, and I'd like to lose about 100 pounds all together," she said.

The challenge, based on the Body-for-Life program designed by fitness author Bill Phillips, helps initiate a change in eating and exercise habits by integrating intense, physical workouts, proper nutrition and personal goal setting. The premise behind the program is that people are more likely to stick with a diet program if they see physical results quickly. The exercise component alone requires that participants com-

plete both cardiovascular and weight training six days per week.

Besides the cultural stigma that is attached to being overweight, people who are perpetually trying to shed pounds face a number of health risks. And the number of people with excess weight is growing at an alarming rate in the United States.

According to the National Center for Health statistics, the number of Americans considered to be clinically obese grew from 13 percent in 1962 to 31 percent of the population today. Childhood obesity in the United States has more than tripled in the past two decades, exposing children to heart conditions and diabetes - problems not typically seen until much later in life, according to national statistics. There are about 3.8 million obese Americans today, and about 300,000 people die of weight-related health problems every year.

Metro Detroit - and the rest of the state - also ranks as one of the

most overweight states in the union, because of a dearth of public transportation and activities that encourage healthy living, according to a survey in Men's Health magazine. That's why Michigan was targeted by Abbott for the 12-week contest, said Russ Layman, the divisional vice president of Corporate Marketing for Abbott.

The cost to companies in terms cost is high as well.

"Overall employee health is important because it helps reduce employee absence and cut healthcare costs," said Lester Robinson, CEO of the airport. "Participating in programs that promote a healthy lifestyle benefits everyone in the long run."

All of the data aside, Longre is thrilled with the results she's has so far, even if she is a little apprehensive about all of the attention she's getting for her success.

"They told me I'd have 15 minutes of fame," she said. "Even if I don't win, I just want to keep losing weight."

Candidate - Write-in candidacy only recourse after error

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called to apologize for the error and explain that his name would not be on the ballot following a determination by Wayne County election officials.

"(Webb) called me to apologize, but I'm really insulted by this whole thing as a taxpayer," he said. "I even called them at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, which was before the filing deadline, to make sure that everything was filled out properly. I was told not to worry."

Knasiak was to have faced off with incumbent board trustees Ken Mientkiewicz and Celeste Roscoe, as well as challengers Danielle Funderburg and Eugene Robinson. The incumbents are both seeking a second four-year term on the seven-member body.

Knasiak campaigned for the board seat last year but was beaten by incumbents April Frayer and Cheryl Buckley. He sought election to the city council seat last year, but was not elected. He also campaigned for the office of mayor several years ago, too.

Technically, Knasiak can campaign for the seat as write-in candidate. But candidates whose names are not printed on the ballot when voters go to the polls are seldom successful, especially in communities where there are more candidates than available seats.

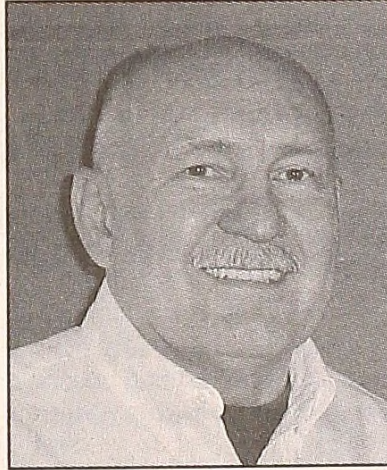
The clerk's office returned Knasiak's \$100 filing fee to him after the error was discovered.

Clerk Linda Choate said she has not spoken with Knasiak, but has pulled his campaign paperwork for the previous three elec-

tions, and he checked the box that binds a candidate to follow state campaign finance laws. She also said Knasiak bears some responsibility for the situation.

"I have not heard that anyone from our office advised him to not check the box on the form," said Choate. "Mr. Knasiak is a fairly experienced candidate - he has run in the last three elections, and he's always checked the box."

"When I reviewed the forms for each of the candidates' paperwork I noticed that he had not checked the box," she said. "It's written on the front and back of the form that you must check the box. I called Wayne County, and that's when I was told he would not appear on the ballot. I argued on his behalf because I knew he had filed on time and had paid the fee. But the county would not



Leo Knasiak

allow him to re-file. It not our rule, it's state law, and we have to follow it."

Knasiak is not sure that he will run as a write-in candidate. "We pay people good money to look at these things before they go out," he said. "I'm not happy with the way this turned out."

Accident - Speed, weather contributed to crash which closed local roads

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re-opened by police.

The driver was not hurt in the accident and was the only vehicle involved in the incident, DeCaires said.

Part of the reason he may have been unable to control the 1992

white Chevrolet passenger car is that he was driving too fast for the conditions, police suspect.

"On Saturday, it was very dark at that time and there were no lights," DeCaires said. "There was snow blowing across the roads and I think we had a little sleet. He may have been going 45

mph - which is the posted speed limit in the area - but he clearly was going too fast for the conditions."

DeCaires added that there was no alcohol involved in the wreck.

The driver was given a \$150 citation for speeding. DeCaires said its common this time of year

for accidents like this to occur.

"When you have a lot of changes in weather, sometimes people don't adjust the way they drive," he said. "This driver may have been going within the speed limit, but because of the weather, he was not driving at a safe speed, and that's why he was cited."

News in brief

Western YWCA seeks volunteers

The YWCA of Western Wayne County is looking for smiling faces and helping hands to volunteer at various locations throughout the area. Volunteers are needed in administrative roles to answer phones, file paperwork, and make copies, according to a spokesman. Strong hands are needed for building maintenance projects like painting, waxing floors, and landscaping. The Young Friends After School program in the Wayne-Westland School District also needs help weekdays after school. The programs allow students time for homework, group discussion and recreation.

For more information about volunteering, contact Ann Marie Fortunate at the YWCA at (313) 561-4110, extension 20.

Oakwood Community Health offers free heart screenings

Because heart disease is the number one killer of women, Oakwood Community Health will offer free lectures and screenings as part of the "Healthy Hearts for Women" series.

The program was made possible thanks to a donation from the Ford Motor Co. Fund. Registration is not required. The screenings will take place from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 2565 Third St., Trenton.

In addition, a number of women's health screenings are also being offered in cooperation with Life Line Screening to test for a blocked carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis. The screening costs \$8, and registration is required. The dates and locations are: from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. today at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, Livonia; from 9:30 until 5 p.m. Thursday, March 2 and 21 at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia; from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, April 1 at John F. Kennedy High School, 13505 Kennedy Dr., Taylor and from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 12 at Wayne Senior Activity Center, 35000 Sims Ave., Wayne.

Participants are not required to fast for any of the services listed. For more information, call 800.543.WELL or visit www.oakwood.org.

OPINION

Vote YES for schools

Less than two years after voters in the Belleville School District rejected a proposed \$150 million bond, they'll be asked to weigh in on a new request.

When voters head to the polls on Feb. 28, they should keep a couple of things in mind: this plan is better than the last one and it's work that needs to be done, eventually.

The new request has several advantages over the last one. It's a lot less money, for one thing – \$111 million rather than \$150 million – and there has been more information disseminated to the public. The site for the new school has been chosen and the plans for the old high school have been further developed.

Voters should cast a yes vote on the new proposal.

Education is an increasingly competitive field and the Van Buren School District could be at risk of falling behind other school districts in western Wayne County. The current high school is an aging facility and the work needed to bring it up to standards of other districts is prohibitively costly. The only way to attract more people to the district – and to keep the students that it currently has – is to construct a new school, complete with all the modern technology that students need to stay competitive after they graduate. With proposed changes in the high school curriculum on the horizon, if not imminent, that need is even greater.

School officials took the right track after the 2004 bond issue was rejected. They met with the public, hosted brainstorming sessions and town hall meetings to find out what went wrong with the last proposal and what they could do better this time around.

The plan makes sense, as does the decision to locate the new school on 103 acres of land on the southeast corner of Sumpter and Hull roads. It will better serve the growing community than the old facility.

At first glance, \$111 million is a tough pill to swallow in this economic climate. It is, quite frankly, a large number, but the costs of providing an adequate education won't go down any time soon. It makes sense to get this project off the ground now, rather than wait for another proposed bond issue.

It's a lot of money, but the investment is worth it. Our children are worth it. Vote yes for the Van Buren School Bond.

The voters have a right to know

When is someone's past truly in the past?

That's the issue that came up last week when a Northville resident with a criminal history filed to seek a term on the Northville School Board.

Northville Resident Christopher Maloney filed petitions for the office last Tuesday, withdrew from the race on Wednesday, tried to get back on the ballot a day later and has now filed as a write-in candidate.

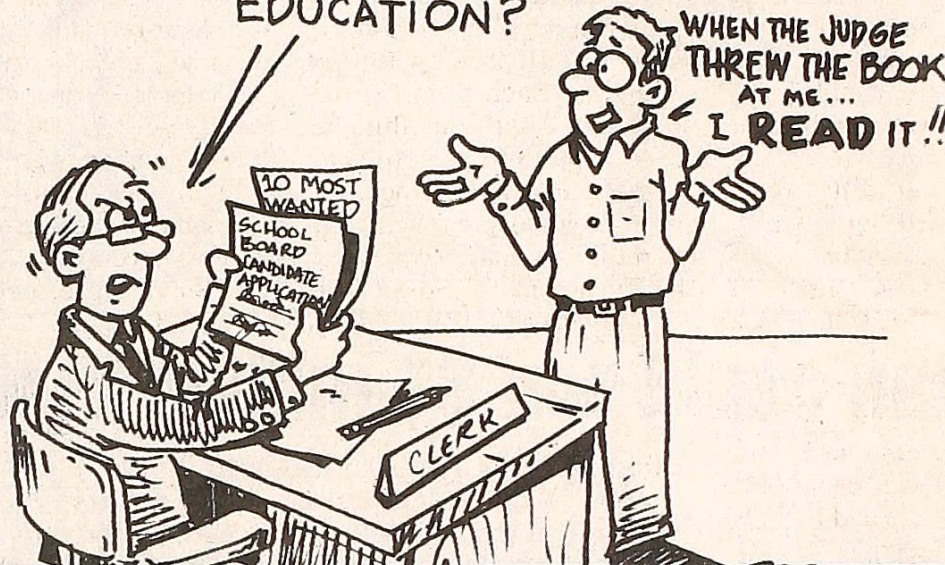
Of concern to some in the Northville community is his past record: he was, according to Wayne County Circuit Court documents, convicted of aggravated stalking in 1995 and served eight months in the Wayne County Correctional Facility. He served five years probation after that and wore a tether for one of those years.

Even so, there's nothing to prevent him – or anyone else with a criminal history – from seeking elected office, although he is prohibited by law from serving as a precinct inspector.

It brings up some interesting discrepancies in state law that should be addressed. At a time when school employees – even tenured teachers – are being subjected to fingerprinting and background checks, it seems unusual that there is no such requirement for candidates for office.

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TO THE SCHOOL BOARD BALLOT...
WHY THE SUDDEN INTEREST IN
EDUCATION?



Process is slow, but steady

When officials in the City of Wayne enacted the Dangerous Building ordinance in 2004 and implemented it in 2005, they probably knew it would be a long process.

After the notification process, the potential for appeals and the time given to landlords or property owners to clean up or tear down the buildings themselves, it was virtually guaranteed to take a long time to clean up these blighted properties.

It probably shouldn't come as much of a surprise, then, that two residences cited under the ordinance – one on Winslow Street and another on Glover – are the first two to 'make it' through the whole process. First cited in July, 2005, they're scheduled to be torn down in the next few weeks after city council members approved a demolition contract last week.

There have been other projects that have nearly gone through the entire process. The dilapidated house at 5320 Moore St. – which will now house two brand new 1,300 square foot homes – was among the first cited through the Dangerous Building Ordinance, but the city was able to secure the land through the tax reversion process and demolish it that way.

Then, of course, there was the property on Morris Street, also cited through the ordinance, but the city bought it before the first hearing – probably paying too much for it – and has since torn it down, too.

Sure, it's a long process, and probably an expen-

sive one, too, but it's worth it.

The ordinance tackles buildings that are vacant, impose a blight on the community and represent a potential safety hazard for the community. Some of them have been damaged by fire, others no longer have utilities hooked up to them, some harbor vermin and attract vandals. They all, though, have one thing in common: they either need to be fixed up or torn down.

The city has tackled this issue about as well as it can. The ordinance allows them to be a lot more heavy-handed than they are. There are a list of 11 criteria that qualify a building as 'dangerous' and any one of them would satisfy state law. City inspectors, though, look for those that meet at least two of the criteria, if not more.

The City of Wayne has long been on the forefront of tackling the blight issue and the dangerous and blighted building ordinance is just another example of this. It takes a long time for buildings to go through the process – unless their owners realize that the city is taking an aggressive and legal approach and correct the problems themselves. But the individual improvements to the neighborhoods are worth the headaches.

In many cases looking at a vacant piece of land is better than looking at a fire-ravaged building and sometimes you don't need some huge project to push the city forward. All it takes is eliminating the blight, one piece at a time.

Close
to the
Edge

by Scott Spielman

Just a few things on my mind

A few things have been weighing heavily on my mind for the past few weeks.

Some of these observations directly affect the eight municipalities that we cover here at *The Journal Newspapers*, others less so. Here's what I've been thinking about:

1. The wrong call: Last summer, Inkster Police Officer John Beebe (known as "the dog guy" around the station) was on his way to work with his four-legged partner, Yager the police dog, when he happened upon a car in a ditch in the City of Taylor. Beebe stopped to render assistance to a panicked woman and Yager stayed in Beebe's SUV.

But the officer discovered that a man was actually in the vehicle as well, and that he was abusing the woman. Having discovered this was actually a domestic disturbance, Beebe got between the two people to prevent a fight when the male passenger physically attacked the officer. Yager – the recipient of thousands of dollars worth of training – shimmied through the half-open window and bit the man. He protected his partner.

Unfortunately, the bitee has turned around and sued the city, which owns the dog. The personal injury case in and of itself is ridiculous, but the reaction of the city council is even more so. The

council agreed not to indemnify Beebe, which is a fancy way of saying they will not pay to defend him in court. Their reasoning is that the events that led to the lawsuit didn't have anything to do with Inkster because it happened in another municipality.

The laws regarding an officer's duty to help people in peril are decidedly gray. But what I do know is that if the shoe were on the other foot, and an Inkster woman were being assaulted on a roadside and her vehicle was in a ditch, and a police car from another municipality drove by and didn't stop to help, Inkster city officials would be outraged.

2. Too many helpers? Going into the spring months usually means scholarship programs that aim to help Inkster students go to college will seek financial assistance.

Last year, at least one scholarship program said they didn't get enough to help as many students as they would like, and blamed the placement of their story in the newspaper for the lackluster response.

There are about four scholarship programs in Inkster: the Khamalaw White Foundation, the Ed

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Letters

To the editor:

This letter is in memory of Sharon L. Justin.

For those of us who knew Sharon, we have lost a good friend and she will be missed. I had the privilege of knowing her as a neighbor, a friend and a co-worker. Sharon was a long-time Belleville resident, a school bus driver and a local insurance agent.

During the mid-1970s, when our school millage failed, Sharon helped organize the Wrestling Booster Club and helped to keep Belleville sports alive and well. She never missed a wrestling meet and attended most football games. She was known and loved, not just by the Belleville crowd, but by all the wrestlers and parents of our rival schools. When the coach would whisper his instructions to the boys on the mat, you could see them look to the stands and listen to what Mrs. J had to say. She helped coach our rivals at tournaments too, unless they were up against Belleville.

Sharon had a big voice and a big heart. She was never too busy to listen to a friend with troubles. She might give you some sage advice, and in no time she would make you smile. One of her favorite things to say was, "By this time next year, you won't even remember what you were so upset about today, and in 50 years no one will know or

care." She loved to have fun and when you were with her, you'd have a good time.

Her big voice and hearty laugh is something we will miss. Her friends, and there are many who fit that category, all have so many fun memories of Mrs. J that she will live on in our thoughts. Each time I think about her, I find something to smile about and sometimes I laugh out loud in her honor.

Very few people touch your heart the way Sharon could and she touched many. So goodbye dear friend, you will be missed.

S. Kay Rose,
Belleville

Fire and Ice guide lauded

To the editor:

Thank you for all the wonderful coverage on Fire and Ice, both before and after the event.

It was very successful! In fact, we had to close down an hour early since all the chili and salsa was consumed. The restaurants ended up going through 15-20 gallons! I am a true believer that the Fire and Ice guide played a large part in that success.

Again, thank you for all the hard work that went into the Guide.

Janet Bloom,
Northville Chamber
of Commerce

Mind

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Bivens Scholarship Fund, the Flora Dozier Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the Summerfest scholarships. Many sororities in the community also have year-round activities that are quite successful.

Inkster is 6.4 square mile community with 31,000 residents. While the need is great among some of its students, I suggest that some of these groups pool their resources.

After a while, people are weary of giving. Charitable efforts have turned out to be lackluster recently, and this is mostly because of the sluggish economy. Getting together to create one

or two well-organized programs would mean efforts to collect dollars would be more fruitful, and would help more students. Less people would be asking for a piece of a really small pie.

Anyway, it's great to see so many people care about the students, so in a way, it's a good problem to have.

3. **Waging war:** Democratic state senators and representatives, tired of trying to sway Republicans to raise the \$5.15 per hour minimum wage, are seeking to put the question to voters through petition drive for hopeful placement on the November ballot.

My question is, what took them so long?

Raising the minimum wage is the right thing to do. Republicans

and even some Democrats – not to mention chamber of commerce folks – have tried to use scare tactics to dissuade a raise for years. It will cost more jobs, and cause more layoffs, they say.

Forget that there's no data that supports this. The opposition to raising the minimum wage is just another way of saying that the vast majority (not all) of elected officials that make up the state government don't care about people struggling at the bottom of the economic spectrum.

That being said, this is an opportunity for low-income people to positively impact their situation. Anyone stuck at minimum wage (the group least likely to vote), needs to find one of these petitions and sign it. Then they need to get to polls in November. No excuses this time.

Voters

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Obviously, it would be unfair to unilaterally prohibit anyone with a criminal past from seeking office. Many of us have done things we regret when we were younger and there's no reason these mistakes should prohibit us from trying to turn our lives around and give back to the com-

munity. Repeated patterns of behavior may be an exception to that, however, as well as the nature of the violation.

At the same time, though, the public has a right to know about the history of someone who seeks office, particularly something like the local school board.

Candidates for office may argue that they realize that as soon as they file their petitions that their lives will become an open book, anyway. That may be

true, but we still think some kind of change is required in the process. It could be something as simple as adding a section to candidate petitions asking them if they've ever been convicted of a felony.

Explaining the issue will always fall on the candidate, of course, but they deserve the right to make that defense.

In the meantime, though, we think everyone should be subject to the same requirements.

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**CITY OF ROMULUS
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
CITY OF ROMULUS
COUNTY OF WAYNE
STATE OF MICHIGAN
CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE XXVIII
APPENDIX A - ZONING
AMENDMENT NO. 1.207**

**PC 2005-09
(Contractual/Conditional Rezoning)**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AS AMENDED, CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING APPENDIX "A", ARTICLE XXVIII, BY THE ADDITION OF SECTION 28.06

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE: This ordinance shall be known and cited as amended Zoning Ordinance Conditional Zoning Agreement.

SECTION 2. By the addition of a new section to be known as Section 28.06, to read as follows

Section 28.06 CONDITIONAL ZONING AGREEMENTS:

A. Conditional zoning agreement: An applicant for a rezoning may voluntarily offer a conditional zoning agreement along with an application for rezoning before or following the public hearing for a proposed rezoning. An election to submit a conditional zoning agreement shall be pursuant to the City and Village Zoning Act, specifically Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended, (MCL 125.584g) and this Article.

1. The conditional zoning agreement shall be in writing, executed by the applicant and the City and recorded with the Wayne County Register of Deeds.

2. The conditional zoning agreement may include limitations on the uses permitted on the property in question, specification of lower density or less intensity of development and use, or may impose more restrictions on the location, size, height, or other measure for buildings, structures, improvements, setbacks, landscaping, buffers, design, architecture and other features.

3. The conditional zoning agreement shall not authorize uses or developments of greater intensity or density, or which are not permitted in the proposed zoning district; nor may a conditional zoning agreement permit variations from height, area, setback or similar dimensional requirements that are less restrictive than the proposed zoning district.

4. The conditional zoning agreement shall include conditions that bear a reasonable and rational relationship and/or benefit to the property in question. The conditional zoning agreement may include conditions related to the use and development of the property that are necessary to:

- a. Serve the property with improvements, including but not limited to, the extension, widening, or realignment of streets; construction, or extension of utilities, or other infrastructure improvements serving the site or the construction of recreational facilities;
- b. Minimize the impact of the development on surrounding properties and the City overall; or,
- c. Preserve natural features and open space beyond what is normally required.

B. Content of Agreement: In addition to any limitations on use or development of the site, preservation of site features or improvements described above, the conditional zoning agreement shall also include the following:

1. An acknowledgement that the conditional zoning agreement was proposed voluntarily by the applicant.
2. A statement that the property shall not be developed or used in any manner that is not consistent with the conditional zoning agreement.
3. A statement that the approval of the rezoning and the conditional zoning agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the property owner and the City, and also their respective heirs, successors, assigns, receivers or transferees. Where the applicant for rezoning is acting on behalf of the landowner through some form of purchase agreement or other mechanism, then the landowner must also consent and sign the agreement.
4. A statement that, if a rezoning with a conditional zoning agreement becomes void in accordance with this section, that no further development shall take place and no permits shall be issued unless and until a new zoning district classification for the property has been established.
5. A statement that no part of the conditional zoning agreement shall permit any activity, use, or condition that would otherwise violate any requirement or standard that is otherwise applicable in the new zoning district.
6. A legal description of the land to which the agreement pertains. Any other provisions as are agreed upon by the parties.

C. Process: The conditional zoning agreement shall be reviewed concurrently with the petition for rezoning following the process in section 28.02 and the following:

1. The conditional zoning agreement may be submitted prior to or following the Planning Commission public hearing. If the agreement is provided following

the public hearing it must be reviewed by Planning Commission prior to Planning Commission making its recommendation on the rezoning to the City Council. The conditional zoning agreement shall be reviewed by the City Attorney to determine that the conditional zoning agreement conforms to the requirements of this Section and the City and Village Zoning Act, as amended, and shall confirm that the conditional zoning agreement is in a form acceptable for recording with the Wayne County Register of Deeds.

2. Following the public hearing for a proposed zoning amendment, the Planning Commission shall make a recommendation to the City Council based upon the Criteria listed in Section 28.04. In addition, the Planning Commission shall consider whether the proposed conditional zoning agreement:

- a. Is consistent with the intent of this Article;
 - b. Bears a reasonable and rational connection or benefit to the property being proposed for rezoning;
 - c. Is necessary to insure that the property develops in such a way that protects the surrounding neighborhood and minimizes any potential impacts to adjacent properties,
 - d. Is necessary to allow the rezoning to be approved, in that the property could not or would not be rezoned without the proposed conditional zoning agreement;
 - e. Leads to a development that is more compatible with abutting or surrounding uses than would have been likely if the property had been rezoned without a conditional zoning agreement, or if the property were left to develop under the existing zoning classification; and,
 - f. Is clearly in the public interest and not inconsistent with the recommendations of the City Master Plan.
3. If a conditional zoning agreement has been offered by the applicant and recommended for approval by the Planning Commission, the City Council may approve the conditional zoning agreement as a condition to the rezoning if it meets all requirements of subsection 2 above. The conditional zoning agreement shall be incorporated by attachment or otherwise as an inseparable part of the ordinance -adopted by the City Council to accomplish the requested rezoning.
 4. If the rezoning and conditional zoning agreement are approved, the zoning classification of the rezoned property shall consist of the district to which the property has been rezoned, and a reference to the conditional zoning agreement. The Zoning Map shall specify the new district, plus a small letter "a" to indicate that the property is subject to a conditional zoning agreement (i.e., "R-1a"). The City Clerk shall maintain a listing of all properties subject to conditional zoning agreements and shall provide copies of the Agreements upon request.
 5. The approved conditional zoning agreement shall be recorded with the Wayne County Register of Deeds.
 6. Any uses proposed as part of a conditional zoning agreement that would otherwise require approval of a special land use or site plan approval shall be subject to the applicable review and approval requirements of Article XXVI and Section 4.03.

D. Expiration:

1. The rezoning and conditional zoning agreement shall expire two (2) years after adoption of the rezoning and conditional zoning agreement, unless substantial construction on the approved development of the property pursuant to building and other required permits issued by the City commences within the two (2) year period and proceeds diligently to completion, unless extended by the City Council for good cause.
2. In the event that substantial construction on the approved development has not commenced within the aforementioned two (2) years, the conditional zoning agreement shall be void and of no effect.
3. Should the conditional zoning agreement become void, all development on the subject property shall cease, and no further development shall be permitted. Until action satisfactory to the City is taken to bring the property into compliance with the conditional zoning agreement, the City may withhold or, following notice to the applicant and being given an opportunity to be heard, revoke permits and certificates, in addition to or in lieu of any other lawful action to achieve compliance.
4. Notwithstanding the above, if the property owner applies in writing for an extension of the conditional zoning agreement at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date, the City Council may grant an extension of up to one (1) year. Further extensions may be granted by the City Council, although the number of previous extensions granted to a particular conditional zoning agreement shall be considered in relation to the diligent effort of the land owner to satisfy the conditions of the agreement.

E. Reversion of Zoning: If the rezoning and conditional zoning agreement become void as outlined above, then the land shall automatically revert back to its original zoning classification as set forth in MCL 125.286i(2). The City Clerk will advise the land owner and/or developer, by registered letter, of the reversion of zoning.

F. Continuation: Provided that all development and/or use of the property in question is in compliance with the conditional zoning agreement, a use or development authorized there under may continue indefinitely, provided that all terms of the conditional zoning agreement continue to be adhered to.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JANUARY 23, 2006
IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Leroy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison-Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-019

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 9, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Grout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-020

3A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to enter into the original gas purchase agreement with Lakeshore Energy Services, LLC to supply natural gas to the City of Romulus for the period of February 1, 2006 through October 31, 2009 at a fixed rate of \$1.095 per Ccf for all volumes throughout the term, contingent on Lakeshore agreeing to a non-performance clause.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crout
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-021

4A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of the city attorney and authorize City Clerk Linda Choate to sign the Huron Valley Estates Consent Judgment.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-022

4A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Charlie L. Harris.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-023

4A3. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation of Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director, to retain Attorney Neil S. Silver to provide legal services regarding EDS/Sunoco and Various Hazardous Waste Well issues.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-024

4A4. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution that the City of Romulus is saddened and disappointed that the Governor's appointee Steve Chester has issued an operating permit to EDS and forward same to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Raymond Basham, and Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion carried Unanimously.

06-025

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to concur with the administration and grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Taylor Firearms Range Agreement as recommended by Public Safety Director Charles Kirby.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-026

5B. Motion by Burcroff supported by Crova to concur, with the recommendation of D.P.W. Director, Carl Brooks and authorize the Annual City Auction to be held on October 14, 2006 and grant authorization to enter into an agreement with Rollo Juckette for auctioneering services.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear,

Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-027

5C. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to award Bid 05/06-22, Five (5) Dispatcher Chairs to Michigan State Industries at a total cost of \$2,671.7 1.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion carried Unanimously.

06-028

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-19:

| FUND/DEPT. <u>Account No.</u> | <u>ACCOUNT NAME</u> | CURRENT <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>AMENDMENT</u> | AMENDED <u>BUDGET</u> |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Expenditure | | | | |
| 101-1110-711.70-26 Boards-Commission-Council | | 56,100 | 4,813 | 60,913 |
| 101-1110-711.72-10 Social Security | | 3,478 | 298 | 3,776 |
| 101-1110-711.72-20 Medicare | | 814 | 70 | 884 |
| | | | | |
| 101-1210-712.70-20 Regular Salaries-Mayor | | 184,644 | 5,400 | 190,044 |
| 101-1210-712.72-10 Social Security | | 11,564 | 335 | 11,899 |
| 101-1210.712.72-20 Medicare | | 2,705 | 78 | 2,783 |
| 101-1210-712.72-30 Retirement | | 17,761 | 528 | 18,289 |
| 101-1210-712.72-80 Worker's Compensation | | 1,074 | 135 | 1,209 |
| 101-1210-712.74-97 Retiree Benefits | | 11,910 | 348 | 12,258 |
| | | | | |
| 101-1310-713.70-20 Regular Salaries-Clerk | | 216,153 | 4,207 | 220,360 |
| 101-1310-713.72-10 Social Security | | 14,251 | 261 | 14,512 |
| 101-1310-713.72 -20 Medicare | | 3,333 | 61 | 3,394 |
| 101-1310-713.72-30 Retirement | | 20,535 | 400 | 20,935 |
| 101-1310-713.72-80 Worker's Compensation | | 1,461 | 105 | 1,566 |
| 101-1310-713.74-97 Retirees Benefits | | 13,942 | 271 | 14,213 |
| | | | | |
| 101-1410-714.70-20 Regular Salaries -Treasurer | | 208,939 | 4,207 | 213,146 |
| 101-1410-714.72-10 Social Security | | 14,078 | 261 | 14,339 |
| 101-1410-714.72-20 Medicare | | 3,292 | 61 | 3,353 |
| 101-1410-714.72-30 Retirement | | 19,849 | 400 | 20,249 |
| 101-1410-714.72-80 Worker's Compensation | | 1,653 | 105 | 1,758 |
| 101-1410-714.74-97 Retirees Benefits | | 13,477 | 271 | 13,748 |
| Fund Balance | | | | |
| 101-2920-729.89-01 Contingencies | | 477,768 | 22,615 | 455,153 |

For salary increases determined by the Romulus officers Compensation Commission at their 12/15/05 meet-ing.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-029

5E. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-22:

| FUND/DEPT. <u>Account No.</u> | <u>ACCOUNT NAME</u> | CURRENT <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>AMENDMENT</u> | AMENDED <u>BUDGET</u> |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| General Fund Revenue: | | | | |
| 101-1320-511.63-13 Election Reimbursement | | 12,300 | 19,500 | 31,8000 |
| Expenditure | | | | |
| 101-1320-713.73-03 Election Supplies | | 5,000 | 1,000 | 6,000 |
| 101-1320-713.73-06 Postage Elections | | 0 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| 101-1320-713.74-85 Equipment Rental | | 0 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 101-1320-713.77-30 Contractual Services | | 27,000 | 21,000 | 48,000 |
| Fund Balance: | | | | |
| 101-0000-390.00-00 Fund Balance | | 1,648,138 | (7,500) | 1,640,638 |

To allocate additional funds for Wayne County's special Election in August which is reimbursable and other budget items inadvertently missed during the initial budget process.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-030

5F. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-23 :

| FUND/DEPT. <u>Account No.</u> | <u>ACCOUNT NAME</u> | CURRENT <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>AMENDMENT</u> | AMENDED <u>BUDGET</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Motor Vehicle Fund | | | | |
| Expenditure | | | | |
| 661-4410-744.74-82 Gas & Fuel | | 200,000 | 96,000 | 296,000 |
| Fund Balance | | | | |
| 661-0000-395.00-00 Retained Earnings | | 3,058,518 | (96,000) | 2,962,518 |

To allocate additional funds needed to cover balance of the 2005/2006, Fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-031

5G. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with the Administration and approve the new appointment of Edward Thomas to the Romulus Housing Commission with a term expiring February 26, 2008; Watson Harris with a term expiring February 26, 2009 and the re-appointment of Clementine Haynes with a term expiring February 26, 2010.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-032

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to adopt an ordinance to amend the Romulus Code of Ordinances by amending Appendix A, Article XXVIII, by the addition of Section 28.05. Amendment No. 1.207

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear,

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Council ‘receives and files’ technology report

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The long awaited Information Technology (IT) Evaluation and Technology Plan for Van Buren Township may be complete, but a motion to receive and file the plan instead of an approval caused a stir among township board members at the meeting last week.

The motion to receive and file the plan was approved 4 to 3 by the board of trustees. Trustee Jeff Jahr was just one of the board members who said he was concerned with approving the entire plan.

“I think we have a real need for the study, that I don’t disagree with, but I think there’s merit to have discussion amongst this board,” he said. “Adopting this suggests we approve everything in this report. I want decisions to be made among those at this table instead of the consultants.”

The Technology Assessment and Plan conducted by Plante and Moran was done to better understand the scope and quality of the existing township technologies and how improvements could be made, according to Cindy King, supervisor of the township.

“This is a result of staffing requests and

”
There are so many shortcomings in it.
Trustee John Herman

concerns about our technology needs. We thought it would originally be 90 days, but was six months in the making,” she said.

Doug Wiecinski from Plante and Moran said that analysts looked at more than 70 different areas to determine how technology was supported, acquired and operated in the township, as well as the administrative activities to go along with it.

Mark Warner from Plante Moran said some of their findings included aging workstations and unresolved implementation issues.

“Some of our key recommendations are hiring an IT director and IT coordinator for public safety, improving equipment, improving the use of existing systems already in place, improving the network and the financial system,” he said. “Many of these revolve around improving customer service and making data more accessible. The plan will have to evolve over time along with the projects and plans.”

The biggest concern from the results was the recommendation to hire both an IT director and public safety technology support person. The issue eventually led to the motion and acceptance to receive and file the plan, rather than an approval.

“The trustees were not involved in the process. It’s a 108 page document and I don’t agree with every single thing that’s in it,” said Trustee Phil Hart. “I think the process is flawed. I don’t want to be faced with this confrontation at a board meeting and from now on when studies come in, I will no longer adopt the plans. I will not support it other than receive and file.”

“There are so many shortcomings in it,” said Trustee John Herman. “I was looking for the pro’s to give me a direction in IT and it’s not there.”

Supervisor King and Clerk Joannie

Payne disagreed and voted to approve the plan.

“Once again we have someone saying we need someone in public safety for technology,” said Payne. “I don’t understand why this is such a hard thing. Personnel is one component and the plan so much more than that. I’m having a hard time getting what others aren’t.”

“I see it fundamentally different,” said King. “I’m willing to accept and approve and tell the public about this plan. Things are not well in IT.”

Both township residents and staff also had a hard time understanding the motion to receive and file the IT plan.

“Receive and file means nothing to me,” said Patti Duha, director of water and sewer operations. “To me it means there’s something we don’t like about it, but we don’t know what it is.”

“As a resident, I’m troubled to hear that the trustees weren’t involved,” said Linda Combs. “The residents deserve to know and to be provided a better level of service that is cost effective.”

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Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-033

6A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution commemorating the 217th Anniversary of the day the first United States Congress convened under a constitutionally limited Republic and to declare March 4, 2006 as Constitution Day in the City of Romulus. Entire resolution on file in the Clerks’ office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-034

6A3. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to adopt the City Platform for Strengthening Families and Improving Outcomes for Children and Youth developed by the National League of Cities.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A4. No action taken.

06-035

6A5. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve Budget Amendments 05/06-20 and 05/06-21 introduced at the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 9, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-036

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to authorize the City Treasurer to disburse funds of Warrant 06-02 in the grand total amount of Six Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand, One Hundred Seventy Two Dollars and Sixty Four Cents (\$ 669,172.64).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Barden, supported by Wadsworth to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC,
Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 23, 2006.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: February 16, 2006

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G. Amendment:

1. During the initial two (2) year period, or during any extension granted by the City as permitted above, the City shall not add to or alter the conditional zoning agreement, even with the landowner’s consent.

2. The conditional zoning agreement may be amended after the expiration of the initial two (2) year period and any extensions, in the same manner as was prescribed for the original rezoning and conditional zoning agreement.

H. Violation of Agreement: Failure to comply with the conditional zoning agreement at any time after approval will constitute a breach of the agreement and also a violation of this Ordinance and further use of the property may be subject to legal remedies available to the City.

I. Subsequent Rezoning of Land: Nothing in the conditional zoning agreement, nor any statement or other provision, shall prohibit the City from later rezoning all or any portion of the property that is the subject of the conditional zoning agreement to another zoning classification. Any rezoning shall be conducted in compliance with this Ordinance and the City and Village Zoning Act.

J. Failure to Offer Conditions: The City shall not require an owner to offer conditions as a requirement for rezoning. The lack of an offer of conditions shall not affect the owner’s rights under this Ordinance.

K. City Not Obligated: The City is not required or obligated to accept any or all conditions offered by a developer on a rezoning application. In no way is an offer of a conditional zoning agreement the basis for requiring the City to approve a rezoning application.

SECTION 2 Force and Effect

Except as expressly set forth above, the Zoning Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4 Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective on the date provided by law and City Charter following publication.

YEAS:
NEAS:
ABSENT:

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan, at a meeting of the Council duly called held on the 23 day of January, 2006.

CITY OF ROMULUS
BY: Linda Choate, CMC, City Clerk
BY: Mayor Alan Lambert

Within forty five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said Ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

Introduced: January 09, 2006
Adopted: January 23, 2006
Effective: February 16, 2006
Publish: February 16, 2006

SPORTS

Mustangs continue quest for perfection

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Despite the chants from the visiting section, the Northville Mustangs proved that they weren't 'overrated' when they defeated the Canton Chiefs, 59-53, at home last Tuesday.

The victory, coupled with Friday's win against Salem, boosted Northville's overall record to 15-0 and continued the Mustangs' quest for a perfect season.

On Tuesday both teams started out with an aggressive press and a slow offensive start. It was Canton that eased out to an 8-3 lead with about 3:10 remaining. That's when the Canton fan club started to chant, 'overrated.'

Northville answered with a 7-0 run led by senior Doug Hasse that gave the Mustangs a 10-8 lead. With about 1:12 left in the quarter Canton managed two more baskets, giving them a 12-10 lead at the end of the period.

The intensity picked up on both sides of the court in the second.

Canton opened the frame with two quick scores to take a 16-10 lead. With the crowd in the Canton section chanting, 'look at the score,' Northville's Campy Smith answered. He drained consecutive triples in a 30-second span to knot things at 16. The teams traded baskets the rest of the way and the 'Stangs edged out a 27-26 lead at half time.

After the intermission the game remained close. Hasse converted a three-point play at the 6:40 mark of the session, extending Northville's lead 32-26. Northville went up by seven, 39-32, before Canton converted on a couple of fast breaks to make it a one-point game, 39-38. With less than a minute left in the third, Northville's Chris Lorente nailed a triple for a 42-38 lead heading into the fourth.

Canton never let up. The Chiefs knotted the score again at 42 but Campy Smith hit a jumper and Alvin Storrs knocked down a triple to put the horses up, 49-44. Canton pulled closer when Andre Bridges hit a three, but 49-

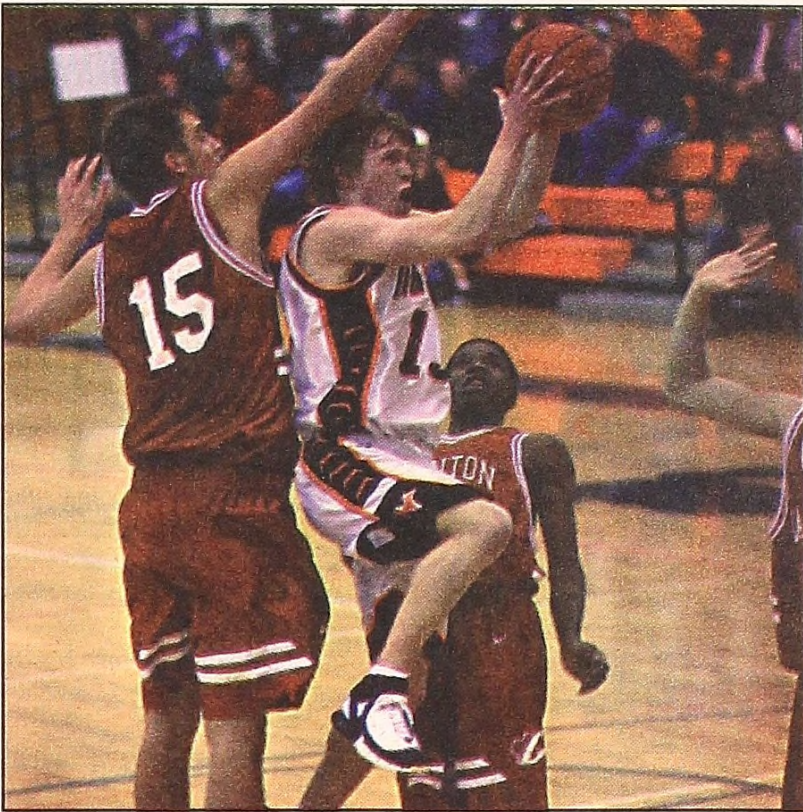
47 was as close the Chiefs would get the rest of the way. Nick Kaldis, off a fast-break pass from Storrs, set Northville's final run in motion to put the game away, 59-53.

"It was a game of runs and we ended up with the last one," said Northville Coach Darrel Shumacher. "The kids handled the pressure of this game well. I have to get use to this, I don't know what to call it, 'new-age athlete,' I guess. In my day we would have been excited and nervous but these kids were loose and played like they were having fun."

Storrs led the team with 17 points. He only scored three field goals while the rest were from the free throw line. Kaldis added 12 and Lorente and eight. Hasse and Bret Spencer rounded out the scoring for Northville with five points each.

Canton's Andre Bridges led all scorers with 20. Ryan Waidmann added 14.

"Northville pressured us early but I think we played it pretty



Northville senior Nick Kaldis (15) goes up for two of his 12 points as he drives by Canton's Ryan Waidmann. Photo by Lynn Kirkpatrick

well," said Canton Coach Charlie Paye.

Northville 48, Salem 32

Northville kept the streak alive with a 48-32 win at Salem High School on Friday.

Both teams had a sloppy start,

which resulted in a 2-2 tie three minutes into the game. Northville started to pull away and Storrs hit a triple at the buzzer for a 17-8 lead at the end

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Romulus hires football coach

Matt Ladach was named the new head football coach at Romulus High School last week.

Ladach, a Romulus High School alumnus of the Class of 1995, is a physical education teacher with the Northville school district and is a chairperson for the art, music and physical education departments.

He graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in education with a major in physical education. He has been assistant head coach

and defensive coordinator with the Northville Mustang football program for the past five years. He was also an assistant football coach at Romulus High under former head coach and current athletic director Mark Woodson during the 1998-99 season.

Ladach said that he is looking forward to meeting the Romulus players during Northville's upcoming spring break. He also said that he will start interviewing candidates for assistant positions soon.



Matt Ladach

Back on Top: Whalers take lead in West

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

One week they're down and the next they're up. The Plymouth Whalers' seesaw season continued last week.

They pulled out two victories during a three-game weekend to elevate them back into first place of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) West Division.

Plymouth suffered a 2-0 loss to now third-place division rival Windsor on Thursday, but they bounced back with two impressive wins on Friday and Saturday.

It was the 3-0 shutout against the London Knights—the OHL's second best team—in Ontario on Friday night that lifted them above division rival Saginaw.

Although the victory was a total team effort, the Whalers' Chicago Connection of Mike Letizia (Chicago, IL), Gino Pisellini (Itasca, IL) and Jared Boll (Crystal Lake, IL) came up

big in what was a very physical contest.

The trio scored all three of Plymouth's goals.

Letizia got things going for Plymouth at 17:57 of the first period when he followed up Derek Merlini's rush in the London zone and beat Knights' goaltender Adam Dennis for his 11th of the season.

Boll started the physical side of the game when he knocked London forward Robbie Drummond out of the game with a heavy, but legal, check at center ice early in the second period. Boll was not penalized.

Plymouth took a 2-0 lead at 5:44 of the second period when Pisellini tipped in Steve Ward's shot from the slot for his 14th goal of the season. Then Boll made it a 3-0 game at 12:13 of the second period when he took Andrew Fournier's pass and put it past Dennis for his 16th goal of the season.

Then things got a little scrap-

py in the third session.

Peters was working on a shutout in the third period when fighting started in front of the bench areas at the 5:25 mark. Dennis challenged him at center ice and the two went at it and were both ejected for leaving their respective creases and fighting. In all, referee Sean McQuigge handed out 12 fighting majors in the incident.

After Peters got the boot, Justin Garay stepped between the pipes and stopped two shots, setting a franchise record as he and Peters became the first Whalers goalie tandem to combine efforts in a single game for a shutout. Peters stopped 31 shots in 45 minutes of work to earn the second star of the night.

The effort of the special teams was the other hot area for the Whalers.

Plymouth penalty killers shut down the Knights' league-lead-

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Tigers improve win-streak to 10

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Belleville Tigers extended their win streak to 10 games after they defeated Detroit Community and Ypsilanti Willow Run last week.

Willow Run weren't much of a match for the continually improving Tigers on Friday. It was Belleville's Coming Home game—a winter version of Fall's football Homecoming game—and they made easy work of the Flyers, dismantling them 81-47.

The packed Belleville gymnasium watched as senior forward Leon Freeman led all scorers with 30 points. He recorded a double-double, nabbing 16 rebounds.

Belleville didn't take it easy in the beginning, middle or end of the contest. They flew to a 17-9 lead at the end of the first period. In the second the Tigers mauled Willow Run for 21 points, taking a 38-17 advantage with them into the locker room at the half.

Their best quarter offensively was yet to come.

After the intermission, Belleville knocked down 24 points in the third quarter. That was enough to double the Flyers' score 62-31 after 24 minutes of play. Belleville outscored Willow Run 19-16 in the final round and put the game away, 81-47.

Belleville Coach Mike Krogel said the best part about the game was that a lot of different players who normally don't get a lot of playing time contributed and earned valuable minutes heading into the second half of league play.

Players like junior guard Darius Hardrick knocked down

13 points coming off the bench. Junior forwards Brian Zantop, Jarrett Stovall and Randle Green also gained time on the floor. Each scored seven points. Green, who was in for sick senior center Mike Gibson, also grabbed eight rebounds.

Mike Donaldson contributed with 11 points and seven rebounds.

"They all received a lot of minutes," Krogel said. "They not only got in there and scored on offense but they contributed on the defense, too, and that was good to see."

Junior guards Caral Dial and Marius Williams effectively split time at the point position. Both spread the ball around to teammates with Williams making seven assists and Dial four.

The dual point guard system has worked for Krogel so far this season.

He said they both like to get in the game and play. Sometimes he puts both in the game at the same time, depending on the opponent and the game situation at the time. So far there hasn't been any contention between the two players.

"Nobody likes to be taken out of a game," Krogel said. "Sometimes we have to go with whoever is having the better game between them. Sometimes we have both in the game. We just try to keep them focused on winning basketball games and doing whatever it takes to do that."

The Tigers did what they needed to win their match-up against a very athletic Detroit Community High School in a non-conference

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SPORTS

Romulus Eagles redeem early loss, knock off Monroe, 82-72

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It was retribution time in Romulus last Friday.

The Romulus Eagles took to the hardwood against the Monroe Trojans for the second time this season with the hopes of righting an earlier wrong. They did exactly that.

Romulus redeemed its December loss to Monroe with an 82-72 victory in the Eagles' only contest last week.

"It was back and forth," said Romulus Coach Nate Oats. "We would open it up a little bit and they would come back and then we would open it up again. So it was pretty good game."

Romulus had a 36-31 lead at the half. Monroe kept it as close as two points in the fourth quarter but Romulus hit two from the

line, then two more on the technical and capped off a six-point run with a basket off an inbounds pass. The run put the Eagles up by eight and the defense did the rest for the 82-72 victory.

Senior Devin Searcy, standing at 6-foot-9, put together a strong game—his second straight. He scored 22 points and grabbed six rebounds and blocked seven shots.

Junior guard Rod Walker contributed with 11 points and sophomore point guard Dominique Buckley added 10 with six assists and six rebounds.

Another big contributor was John Glenn transfer Alex McMillan. In just his third game as an eligible Eagle, he knocked down 18 points, two of them from three-point land.

Oats was pleased with the win but knows there is still more to work on.

Mustangs

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buzzer for a 17-8 lead at the end of one.

Salem didn't let up as they pulled to within four, 23-19, at the end of the half.

In the third Northville's defense got the job done, holding the Rocks to just four points in the third session. Kaldis sank a triple at the buzzer, giving the 'Stangs a hefty 40-23 advantage to start the final period.

Salem outscore Northville's bench 9-8 in the final quarter but it was too little, too late as Northville took the 48-32 triumph.

"It was a tough game between two big games (Canton and Walled Lake Central)," Schumacher said. "Salem really played great defense and made us work for everything that we got. It was a challenge. In the third I thought we were still in danger."

Storrs led Northville with 15. Lorente added 12.

Jierah led Salem with nine host Plymouth at 7 p.m. tomorrow night.

Salem Wayne at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

EXHIBIT A

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN,
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF INTENTION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
TO ISSUE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND NOTICE
OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM THEREON

TO ALL ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN,
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan (the "Township") has, by resolution of its Board of Trustees, expressed its intent to issue capital improvement bonds (the "Bonds") under the Revised Municipal Finance Act, Act No. 34, Michigan Public Acts of 2001, as amended ("Act 34"), for the purposes of financing the cost of (i) acquiring certain land in the Township, comprising approximately 42 acres, located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Tyler Road and Quirk Road, (ii) constructing a new fire station (Fire Station #1) for the Township's Fire Department on land already owned by the Township at the northeast corner of the intersection of Sumpter Road and Hull Road, and (ii) issuing the Bonds. The maximum principal amount of Bonds to be issued is \$5,200,000, which shall be issued not later than December 31, 2006. The Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined, but in no event above 7% per annum per maturity.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the full faith and credit of the Township will be pledged for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds. Pursuant to such pledge of its full faith and credit, the Township will be obligated, to the extent other moneys are not made available, to levy such ad valorem taxes upon all taxable property in the Township as shall be necessary to make such payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest, which taxes, however, will be subject to applicable charter, statutory and constitutional limitations on the taxing power of the Township.

RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this notice is given to and for the benefit of the electors of the Township in order to inform them of the intention of the Township to issue the Bonds and also to inform registered electors of the Township of their right to petition for a referendum on the question of issuing the Bonds. The Township intends to issue the Bonds without a vote of the electors of the Township thereon. If, within 45 days after publication of this notice, a petition for referendum requesting an election on the issuance of the Bonds by the Township, signed by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors of the Township, whichever is less, has been filed with the Clerk of the Township on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Township, the Bonds shall not be issued unless and until approved by a majority of the electors of the Township voting thereon at a general or special election.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Trustees pursuant to Act 34. Further information may be obtained at the office of the Treasurer of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Van Buren Township, Michigan.

Joannie D. Payne
Township Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren, Michigan

Publish: February 16,2006

Romulus made it to the state championship game last year.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF ELECTION – FEBRUARY 28, 2006
VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren that Van Buren Public Schools Election will be held TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006.

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST.
Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

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|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Precinct #1 | Fire Station #1 | 130 4th St. |
| Precinct #2 | Fire Station #2 | 45581 Ecorse Rd. |
| Precinct #3 | Tyler School | 42200 Tyler Rd. |
| Precinct #4 | Belleville High Auditorium | 501 W. Columbia |
| Precinct #5 | South Middle School | 45201 Owen St. |
| Precinct #6 | Belleville High Auditorium | 501 W. Columbia |
| Precinct #7 | Van Buren Township Hall | 46425 Tyler Rd. |
| Precinct #8 | North Middle School | 47097 McBride |
| Precinct #9 | Haggerty School | 13770 Haggerty Rd |

Ballot Language:
Shall Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed \$111,000,000 and issue its unlimited tax general obligation bonds therefor, for the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of:

- (1)

Purchasing land for a new Belleville High School facility and developing and improving a site, and constructing, erecting, equipping, including equipping for technology and technology improvements, and furnishing thereon a new Belleville High School facility, including athletic fields and related structures; and
- (2)

Preparing and improving the site of the current Belleville High School and improving and remodeling (to include partial demolition and abatement) the current Belleville High School?

The bonds shall be qualified pursuant to Section 16 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963. In the event the School District borrows from the State of Michigan to pay debt service on the bonds, the School District may be required to continue the levy mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the state.

The bonds may be issued in series, with maximum number of years any series of the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, not to exceed thirty (30) years. The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in the 2006 is 2.90 mills (\$2.90 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond is 2.18 mills (\$2.18 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to state law, expenditures of bond proceeds must be audited and cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator, or employee salaries, or other operating expenses).

YES
NO

The County Treasurer's Statement:
I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan do hereby certify that, as of January 17, 2006 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

| VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS | | | |
|--|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| For that portion lying in Van Buren Township Wayne County Michigan | | | |
| Local Unit | Date of Election | Voted Increases | Years Increases Effective |
| County of Wayne | August 8, 2000 | 1 mill | 2005 thru 2009 |
| Wayne County | August 6, 1974 | 1 mill | 2005 Indefinitely |
| Regional Educational Service Agency | November 8, 1988 | 1 mill | 2005 Indefinitely |
| | August 6, 2002 | 1.5 mills | 2005 Indefinitely |
| Wayne County Jail | August 6, 2002 | 1 mill | 2005 thru 2010 |
| Wayne County Parks | August 8, 2000 | 0.25 mills | 2010 |
| Wayne County Community College | November 3, 1988 | 1 mill | 2002 Indefinitely |
| | November 6, 2001 | 1.5 mills | 2005 thru 2010 |
| Charter Township of Van Buren | August 7, 1990 | 6 mills | 2010 |
| | May 6, 2003 | 3 mill | 2008 |
| Van Buren School District | October, 2001 | 18 mills | 2006 (non homest) |
| | June, 1998 | 1.30 mills | 2015 |

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111, 734-699-8909. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the February 28, 2006 Election is Saturday, February 25, 2006 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Township Clerk's Office.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

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Whalers

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ing them 11-for-11 on the kill, including four separate London two-man advantages.

However, the wild and wooly game left four players (Peters, Merlini, Evan Brophey and Pisellini) suspended for Saturday's meeting with the Barrie Colts.

On top of the four suspensions, Plymouth had four players (Dan Collins, Tom Sestito, Ryan McGinnis and Ryan Stephenson) out due to injury, leaving the Whalers down eight men in their first home contest in five games.

It didn't matter, though as Plymouths found a way to get the job done and defeated the Barrie Colts, 3-2.

Plymouth jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first period with tallies from John Vigilante (24th of the season), James Neal (14th) and Andrew Fournier (14th of the season).

Vigilante scored on a breakaway at 11:59 of the first period. Then Neal scored on a power play when he tapped in a rebound off of Barrie goaltender Dan LaCosta at 15:26. Fournier scored the final mark when he stripped the puck off a Barrie defender and beat LaCosta, unassisted, at 17:31.

The Whalers protected the lead the rest of the way. Justin Garay stopping 35-

of 37 Barrie shots for Plymouth.

Todd Perry scored in the second period for Barrie Ryan Hamilton added his team-leading 34th of the year in the third period but the Colts couldn't find the equalizer.

The triumph boosted the Whalers' overall record to 27-23-1-3, good for 58 points. That gives them a three-point lead over interstate rivals Saginaw (27-24-1-0) and a four point advantage over Windsor (24-23-3-3).

The Whalers head to Owen Sound at 7:30 pm on Friday. The game can be heard at www.plymouthwhalers.com. Plymouth's next home game is next at 7:30 on Saturday night when they host Guelph.

Tigers

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game on Tuesday.

The contest was closer than final score would indicate. It was close through three quarters but Belleville's 29-point fourth quarter locked away the, 72-54, victory.

Freeman scored 26 followed by Clark with 17 and Gibson with 11.

Gibson grabbed 12 rebounds in the contest, too.

Chase Simon led Community with 14.

Belleville heads to Taylor Truman at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 7, 2006

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Senior Director Combs, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of nineteen (19).

Supervisor King requested a moment of silence be held in honor of Coretta Scott King who recently passed away.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Hart moved, Payne seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Add New Business Items #14 "Consider approval of purchase agreement between Windmill Investment, LLC and Van Buren Township for 42.2 acres of land generally located at the southwest corner of Tyler and Quirk Roads and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement.", #15 "Consider adoption of Resolution 2006-08, Intent to Issue Capital Bonds." and #16 "Consider adoption of Resolution 2006-09, Bond Reimbursement." Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of January 9, 2006 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Herman seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2006 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter of thanks from Bank One for the assistance given by the Police Department during a recent robbery.

A letter of thanks from the City of Belleville for the assistance given by Deputy Treasurer Bellingham during their time of transition in hiring a new City Treasurer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Jahr seconded to receive and file the Plante & Moran Technology Assessment and Plan to use as a guide as we go forward with Technology in Van Buren Township. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Budd, Hart, Jahr and Herman. Nays: Payne, Rochowiak and King. Absent: None. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Jahr seconded to approve the purchase agreement between Wayne County and Van Buren Township to purchase a parcel of land [five acres], parcel identification 83-096-99-0021-000 [located west of Hannan and Wabash Roads] and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign acceptance of the proposal. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Payne seconded to authorize completion of the scope of work in Wade-Trim's proposal dated November 4, 2005 for design engineering services and SRF program assistance for the wet weather equalization basin project on a time and materials basis, using the approved Wade-Trim rate schedule in effect at the time the work is performed, at a cost not to exceed \$750,000. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2006-05 the storm water management system maintenance and repair agreement between the Township and Rawsonville-Huron River Drive L.L.C. and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Budd moved, Payne seconded to adopt Resolution 2006-06 the Wade-Trim Billing Rate Schedule number 2006A with Equipment Billed separately effective January 1, 2006 as an amendment to the existing contract for general engineering services and also establishes billing rates charged for private developments. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the appointment of Laurie Watkins to the Board of Review with term to expire December 31, 2006. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Jahr seconded to approve the employment agreement between the Township and Jennifer Morris for the position of Deputy Director of Recreation and Facilities and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Payne moved, Hart seconded to approve the Lawn Maintenance Bid Specifications for year 2006 with the option to renew in 2007. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the following permit applications by SBC to construct underground telecommunications infrastructure in public right of ways in the Township permit number UT5662748/M63107/05-1435 located in the southern

portion of the South I-94 public right of way, east of Denton Road and west of Beckley Road (Harbour Club Apartments); permit number UT5662766/M63107/05-1436 located in the southern portion of the South I-94 public right of way, east of Denton Road and west of Beckley Road (Harbor Club Apartments); permit number UT5618937/M63107/05-1378 located in the northern portion of the North I-94 public right of way, between Morton-Taylor and Haggerty Roads (Lighthouse Apartments); and permit number UT5618905/M63107/05-1379 located in the northern portion of the North I-94 public right of way, between Morton-Taylor and Haggerty Roads (Lighthouse Apartments). Carried.

Payne moved, Herman seconded to approve Proclamation 2006-07 honoring Walter and Joyce Rochowiak. Carried.

Budd moved, Herman seconded to approve the purchase agreement between Windmill Investment, LLC and Van Buren Township for 42.2 acres of land generally located at the southwest corner of Tyler and Quirk Roads and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Payne moved, Jahr seconded to adopt Resolution 2006-08 expressing the Intent to Issue Capital Bonds and to authorize the publishing of the Notice of Intent. Carried.

Hart moved, Herman seconded to adopt Resolution 2006-09. Bond Reimbursement. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the February 7, 2006 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the December 2005 Public Safety Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Township Administrative offices will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day. Due to the closing the Work Study Session will be held on Tuesday, February 21st at 4:00 p.m. prior to the 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting.

There is an Election on Tuesday, February 28, 2006 for residents residing in the Van Buren Public School District. Absentee ballots are available in the Clerk's Office. Polls will be open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For additional information contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8909.

Deputy Director of Recreation and Facilities Morris thanked the Board for her appointment and announced the following Recreation Department events: On Thursday, February 9th the Van Buren Teen Authority will host a meeting at 6:00 p.m. The 11th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, February 10th from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, February 11th two dances will be held a matinee from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. For more information on programs or events contact the Recreation Department at 699.8921.

On Tuesday, February 28th the Belleville Rotary will be hosting an Italian Dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Eagles Hall on Beck Road.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Van Buren Public School Superintendent Lazaroff announced Belleville High School Bond Election Town Hall Meetings will be held on Wednesday, February 15th and Tuesday, February 21st from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Belleville High School Cafeteria. If you are unable to attend contact the Van Buren Public Schools via email at BHSinput@vanburenschools.net or call 734.697.9123 extension 201.

A resident advised that containers with used oil are being dumped in the ditch line along Beck Road and requested assistance in this matter. Supervisor King stated the township will notify Wayne County Roads and Director Champagne stated he will notify Public Safety staff.

Charles McKenna thanked Supervisor King and the Board for the opportunity to serve his internship with the Township and stated he has graduated from Eastern Michigan University.

A Harmony Lane resident expressed his thoughts and concerns regarding an addition to a home located next to his home. Supervisor King stated the Board could not comment on this subject due to pending litigation.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 10:46 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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| Joannie D. Payne, CMC Township Clerk | Cindy C. King Supervisor |
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Obituaries

PETERSON, Audrey
Audrey M. Peterson, of Van Buren Township, died Feb. 5.
Among her survivors are her children, Margaret Bower (Ron) LaCasse, Gloria Steward and Samuel Kenneth Peterson; five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne with the Rev. Bob McDonald officiating.
Entombment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

ZBIKOWSKI, Anna
Anna "Lisa" Zbikowski, 57, of Romulus, died Feb. 6.
Among her survivors are her husband Thomas J. Zbikowski and her brother, Edward Dashkin of Florida.
Mrs. Zbikowski was a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She was employed as an operations officer in the banking industry.
Funeral services were at the Crane

Funeral Home in Romulus with the Rev. William Kren of Community United Methodist Church officiating.
Cremation rites were accorded.

ANGLES, Ferrell
Ferrell Angles, 91, of Wayne, died Feb. 8.
Among his survivors are his wife, Arlene Angles; children, Janet (Larry) Bumpass and the Rev. Terry (Karen) Angles; grandchildren, Timothy (Joanne) Angles, Kimberly Angles, Ty (Kristin) Angles, Shauna (Andy) Navarro and Carri (Larry) Hale; 16 great-grandchildren, and siblings, Claude Angles and Wayne and Marie Angles.
Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Terry Angles officiating.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168 Section 798, a Public Hearing will be conducted on Thursday February 23, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan for the purpose of certifying the program to be used in the counting device which will be utilized to process voter ballots in the Van Buren Public Schools Election to be held TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006.

Said meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizens may attend.

The Charter Township of Van Buren will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734.699.8909.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR
GRASS CUTTING AND RELATED SERVICES

The Charter Township of Van Buren will be accepting sealed bids for grass cutting and related services. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "GRASS BID" and submitted to the office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. EST Thursday, March 9, 2006. Bids will be publicly opened at 3:00 p.m. on March 9, 2006. There will be a mandatory pre-bid and meeting tour and question/answer session on Thursday, March 2, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

Specifications may be obtained from the Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Bids will be accepted only on provided forms.

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not required to accept the low bid.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
CHANGE OF LOCATION

The Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold meetings as described below on the South side of Van Buren Township to be held at **South Middle School; 45201 Owen Street**, City of Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111.

The South Side Master Plan Amendment workshop meetings will take place on selected Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. during regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meetings.

South Side of Charter Township of Van Buren Master Plan Amendment workshop meetings are as follows:

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| February 22, 2006 | March 8, 2006 | March 22, 2006 |
| April 19, 2006 | May 24, 2006 | June 28, 2006 |
| July 26, 2006 | August 23, 2006 | |

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

In the spirit of compliance with the American Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

Posted: February 16, 2006
Publish: February 16,2006
March 2, 2006
March 16, 2006
April 13, 2006
May 18, 2006
June 22, 2006
July 20, 2006
August 17, 2006

BOARD OF REVIEW -
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
FOR 2006 ASSESSMENTS
NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS
OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, on the following dates:

March 7, Tuesday
10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

March 13, Monday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 15, Wednesday
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To review property assessments for 2006. Taxpayers/property owners may file an appeal of assessment(s) to the Board of Review in **WRITING** without personal appearance. **Letters of appeal must be received on or before March 16, 2006.**

Those taxpayers wishing to **appeal in person, please call the Township by March 14, 2006** at 734.699.8946 to set an **APPOINTMENT** to meet with the Board of Review on any of the above dates.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Van Buren Charter Township

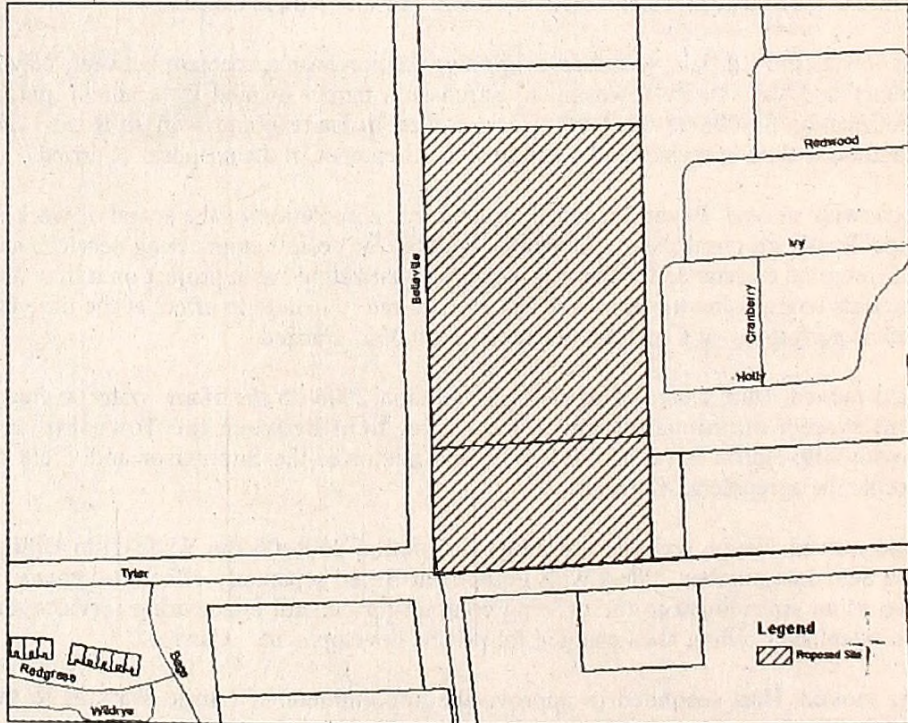
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Tuesday February 21, 2006 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan.

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

Parcel number V125-83-039-99-0009-715 and V125-83-039-99-0009-716 approximately 11.08 acres is located on the east side of Belleville Road on the NE Corner of Belleville & Tyler Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below:



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for drive thru facilities and an auto dealership in accordance with Section 12.03(d) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., February 16, 2006.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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Romulus, MI 48174
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1. Obituaries



KNORFSKE, Maxine G., 87, of Traverse City, died Monday, February 13, 2006 at Munson Medical Center following a brief illness. Maxine was born in Wayne on arch 29, 1918, the only child of James and Lucy (Wilkinson) Wiles. After graduating from high school, she went on to college to earn her teaching certificate. Maxine met Richard E. Knorfske and on May 29, 1942, they married in Wayne. During WW II Maxine worked in the Willow Run Bomber Plant to aid the war effort. She then taught elementary school in the Wayne-Westland School system and for several years was the department head of the learning consultants at the school. When she and Dick retired, they moved to Traverse City and they owned and operated the County School House, a store offering teaching supplies to local teachers. The former Black School, it is the red schoolhouse at the corner of 3 Mile and Hammond Roads. Maxine enjoyed volunteering at the Traverse City Visitors Center, enjoyed eating out at Scheldes and Bob Evans and spent many leisure hours working jigsaw and crossword puzzles, as well as reading, her greatest interest being Native American history. She also was a member of Zonta in Traverse City. She enjoyed feeding the birds around her home, as well as enjoying her "grand" dogs. Maxine is survived by her daughter Marcia Imlay and her husband Larry Hill of Fife lake, and her beloved grand dogs. She was preceded in death by her parents and by her husband, Dick, who died December 13, 1997. Funeral Services were held Wednesday, February 15 at Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home with the Rev. Tamara Williams officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetary. Memorial contributions may be directed to Maxine's favorite charity, The American Cancer Society.

Please share your condolences and memories with the family at Maxine's online guest book at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

DAVIS, Emer Jewel, 76, of Romulus, passed away Saturday February 11, 2006. Mrs. Davis was born January 20, 1930 in Leapwood, TN the daughter of Lawrence and Josephine (Martin) Kirby. For the past 50 years Emer has lived in Michigan, and she enjoyed going to lunch with her family and friends, along with trying her luck at the casinos. Besides family, she also enjoyed her dog Precious and listening to Alan Jackson music. Mrs. Davis is survived by two daughters, Kathy Bunch of Brownstown Twp. and Barbara (Don) Matheny of Romulus and one son, Bruce (Julia) Bellingier of Inkster. She also leaves behind 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, along with a host of nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death are her parents, first husband; Buford Bunch, second husband; Henry Davis, two brothers; Ed and R.C., three sisters; Lucille Beeler, Dorothy Milligan and Edna Adiar. The funeral was held Wednesday, Feb. 15 at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville, MI, with burial following at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the family for distribution later.

LASTER, Mary Agnes, age 86, of Inkster, died February 11, 2006. Beloved wife of Charlie, and dear mother of Charles, Jr. Arrangements by Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home. Visitation: Thursday, February 16, 2006 from 1:00PM to 7:00PM. Funeral: Friday, February 17, 2006 at 11:00AM at Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home, 4670 S. Inkster Rd., Westland, MI.

30. Help Wanted

Dental Receptionist needed part time 15-20 hrs. per week Call 734-941-0010

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57. Antiques

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59. Auctions

Michigan State Police Dept.

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction, MARCH 1, 2006 AT 10:00 AM, at:

J & M Towing 8964 Inkster Rd. Romulus, MI

1996 Dodge 1B4GP44R2VB254036

1985 Chevrolet 1G1JE27P3F1194104

1991 Chevrolet 1GNDM19Z4NB100313

1991 Plymouth 2P4G45535MR316234

1999 Mond Trailer 2MN123140X3011566

1994 White Tractor 4V1WDBRH4RN679288

Please note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.

57. Antiques

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Wed., Feb. 22, 2006 9:00 AM

1998 Chrysler Cirrus 4Dr 1C3EJ56HXWN170301

1994 Cadillac Deville 4Dr 1G6KD52B0RU281332

1991 Merc. Gr. Marquis 4Dr 2MECM75F7MX600530

1992 Ford Ranger PU 1FTCR14X6NTA01465

1989 Ford Taurus 4Dr 1FABP50U1KA102981

1987 Ford Aerostar Van 1FMCA11U8HZB53021

1988 GMC PU 1GTDC14K8JE526407

1992 Ford Escort 2Dr 1FAPP1283NW144431

1991 Dodge Van 1B4GK54R7MX511603

1994 Subaru Impreza 4Dr JF1GC2355RK541366

These vehicles were towed by the Romulus Police

On FEBRUARY 25, 2006 , the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:00am, at J&T Towing and Storage, 237 Industrial Dr., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1992 Ford 4Dr 1FACP52U1NG259963 44-028-06

1990 Pontiac 2Dr 1G2NE14U4LC350023 44-029-06

1991 Ford 2Dr 1FAPP11J1MW173221 44-030-06

1995 Ford 4Dr 1FALP54P5SA261172 44-032-06

1990 Honda 2Dr 1HGCB7246LA040292 44-034-06

1995 Toyota 2Dr JT2EL45U9S0188951 44-036-06

1991 Chevrolet 2Dr 1G1JC14GOM7303178 44-058-06

1986 Chrysler 4Dr 1C3BH58E2GN139644 44-059-06

1988 Volvo 4Dr YV1FX8841J2224857 44-063-06

1996 Ford 2Dr 1FALP6245TH112106 44-065-06

1993 Buick SW 1G4BR8375PW409006 44-066-06

1995 Dodge 4Dr 1B3ES27C1SD172479 44-1145-05

2002 Saturn 4Dr 1G8ZF5288Z267188 44-072-06

Upon completion, the auction will move to Great Lakes Towing and Storage, 42350 Van Born Rd., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1998 Dodge 4Dr 1B3EJ56X8WN118606 44-1171-05

1992 Oldsmobile 4Dr 1G3WH54T0ND331102 44-004-06

1993 Chevrolet 4Dr 2G1WL54T5P1166119 44-007-06

1999 Saturn 2Dr 1G8ZF1287XZ199773 44-017-06

1997 Chevrolet PU 1GCEC14W5VZ104987 44-027-06

1977 Ford PU F25JLY35330 44-037-06

1990 Ford PU 2FTDF15N9LCA52444 44-051-06

1990 Chevrolet TK 1GBEG25K9L7123559 44-062-06

1995 Ford 4Dr 1FALP54P5SA192077 44-064-06

1994 Mercury 4Dr 1MEPM36X2RK624567 44-081-06

1993 Ford 2Dr 1FAPP11J5PW403105 44-082-06

1988 Dodge PU 1B7FN14X7JS621704 44-084-06

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on MARCH 1, 2006 at 11:00 AM at:

J & M Towing 8964 Inkster Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

Plymouth 1P3XP24DXPN681574

1998 Pontiac 1G2JB1245W7581312

1992 Chevrolet 1GBEG25K0N7105034

1985 Oldsmobile 1G3GR69A1FR335792

1994 Pontiac 1G2NE553XRC747807

1990 Oldsmobile 1GHCU06D26LT319277

Dodge 2B7HB21Y8RK186749

Dodge 1B7GL26Y1MS249433

1989 Ford 1ZVPT20C9L5179090

Ford 1FALP53S3TG108939

1989 Lincoln 1LNBMB1F3KY81012

1994 Nissan JN1EB31P1RU329652

Ford 1FACP52U2PG280677

1994 Chevrolet 1G1JC5443B7208294

Ford 2FALP74W2SX108825

2001 Chevrolet 1GCCS14541K144854

1994 Dodge 1B3HD46T8RF262036

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2MEBM74F3KX678006

1985 Ford
1FTDE14Y7FHA71800

1997 Ford
1FALP13P0VW381141

1979 Ford
F82CVDJ5546

1991 Ford
1FTCR10A4MUE49939

1989 Dodge
2B6GB11X9KK307599

Please Note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On FEBRUARY 21, 2006 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

- 19876 Ford
Motorhome Gray
E14HHC83725
- 1997 Geo Metro
2 Dr White
2GMR2294V6753024
- 1999 Ford Ranger
PU Trk Gray
1FTYR10C3XTA02200
- 1992 Pontiac Gr. Am
4 Dr Blue
1G2NE5430NM085502
- 1987 Buick Lesabre
4 Dr Burgundy
1G4HR5438HH488746
- 1988 Mercury Cougar
2 Dr Brown
1MEBM6044JH677881
- 1985 Ford Econoline
Van Black
1FMEE11F5FHA89182
- 1988 Ford Aerostar
Van Red
1FMCA11U1JZB28175
- 1993 Dodge Dynasty
4 Dr Blue
1B3XC56R4PD174280
- 1990 Cadillac Seville
4 Dr Red
1G6KS5333LU816156
- 1997 Olds Aurora
4 Dr Blue
1G3GR62C4V4126490

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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Magic Lemon Pie

Created in the early 1900s, this pie was touted as "magic." Adding lemon juice to Eagle Brand creates a rich, creamy filling, without cooking, that is easy to make, delicious every time and never fails, even for first-time bakers.

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Makes one (8- or 9-inch) pie

- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
 - 1/2 cup lemon juice
 - 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind or 1/4 teaspoon lemon extract
 - 2 eggs, separated
 - 1 (8- or 9-inch) graham cracker or baked pie crust
 - 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
 - 4 tablespoons sugar
1. Preheat oven to 325°F. In medium bowl, combine sweetened condensed milk, lemon juice, lemon rind or extract and egg yolks; stir until mixture thickens. Pour into chilled graham cracker crust or cooled pie crust.
 2. In medium bowl, beat egg whites and cream of tartar on high speed until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in sugar on medium speed, 1 tablespoon at a time; beat 4 minutes longer or until sugar is dissolved and stiff glossy peaks form.
 3. Spread meringue over pie, carefully sealing to edge of crust to prevent meringue from shrinking. Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until meringue is lightly browned. Cool. Store leftovers covered in refrigerator.

Coconut Macaroons

A macaroon recipe with Eagle Brand was featured in magazines as early as 1919. Developed for simplicity, it can be made and baked in minutes — no flour, baking powder, rolling or cutting needed.

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Makes about 4 dozen

- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
 - 1 egg white, whipped
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons almond extract
 - 1 (14-ounce) package flaked coconut
1. Preheat oven to 325°F. Line baking sheets with foil; grease and flour foil. Set aside.
 2. In large bowl, combine sweetened condensed milk, egg white, extracts and coconut; mix well. Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls onto prepared baking sheets; slightly flatten each mound with a spoon.
 3. Bake 15 to 17 minutes or until lightly browned around edges. Immediately remove from baking sheets (macaroons will stick if allowed to cool); cool on wire racks. Store loosely covered at room temperature.

Macaroon Kisses: Prepare and bake as above. Press solid milk chocolate candy piece in center of each macaroon immediately after baking.

Celebration Lime Cheesecake Bars

Throughout its long history, Eagle Brand has served as the secret ingredient in many decadent desserts. This recipe commemorates Eagle Brand's 150th anniversary by taking the old and making it new. It combines two of the oldest and most popular recipes — Key Lime Pie and Cheesecake — to bring you something modern and versatile — perfect for any occasion.

Prep Time: 20 minutes
Makes 18 to 20 bars

- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1/3 cup sugar
 - 7 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
 - 1 egg yolk, beaten
 - 1/3 cup flaked coconut, packed
 - 2 (8-ounce) packages plain cream cheese, softened
 - 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
 - 2 eggs
 - 1/2 cup lime juice
1. Preheat oven to 400°F. With mixer fitted with flat paddle, combine flour and sugar; add butter and egg yolk; blend until combined. Mix in coconut. Press dough evenly into bottom of greased 13x9-inch glass baking dish.
 2. Bake 12 to 14 minutes or until edge of crust is golden brown. Reduce oven temperature to 350°F.
 3. With mixer, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Add eggs; mix until just combined. Stir in lime juice. Pour batter over baked crust. Once oven has cooled to 350°F, bake 17 to 22 minutes or until center is set.
 4. Cool. Cover and chill 2 hours. Serve with toppings (optional, recipes follow). Store leftovers covered in refrigerator.

OPTIONAL TOPPINGS

Quick Raspberry Sauce

Makes 3 cups

- 2 (12-ounce) packages frozen raspberries, thawed
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons water

Combine all ingredients in food processor or blender and mix until smooth. Store covered in refrigerator.

Quick Berry Sauce

Makes 2 1/2 cups

- 1 cup raspberries
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons sugar or to taste
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup diced strawberries

In large bowl, combine raspberries, lemon juice and sugar. Using large fork or potato masher, smash berries to make puree. Fold in blueberries and strawberries. Store covered in refrigerator.

White Chocolate Glaze With Toasted Coconut and Pecans

- 4 tablespoons butter or margarine, divided
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans
- 1 1/4 cups white chocolate chips or white vanilla chips
- 1/4 cup lime juice

In skillet, melt 1 tablespoon butter. Add coconut and pecans; continue mixing until coconut is light brown. Remove from heat. Cool. In large bowl, combine chips, lime juice and remaining butter. Microwave on medium-high 30 to 40 seconds. Mix until smooth. Pour glaze over bars, spreading evenly. Top with coconut mixture.

Mixed Fruit Salsa

Makes 2 1/2 cups

- 1 mango, peeled, pitted and diced
- 1 cup chopped pineapple
- 1 cup diced strawberries
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/4 cup sugar

Mix all ingredients in bowl. Chill at least 1 hour. Stir before serving.



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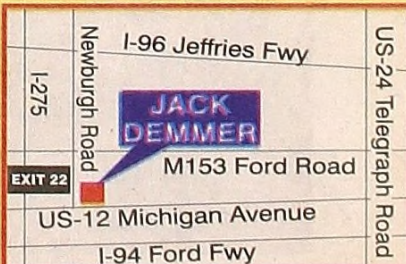
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